

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 14, 2008, is respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, claims 1-3, 7 and 8 have been cancelled and claims 4, and 9 have been amended. Claims 4-6 and 9-12 are pending in this application.

The cancellation of claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 13-16, and the limitations as applied to the remaining independent claims are made without prejudice to later prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in this application or a subsequent continuation application.

The Title has been amended in accordance with the text of the claims. This change is made for clarity of description, without prejudice to the scope of the claimed subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 4-6 and 9-12 and were deemed allowable over the cited art.

Accordingly, claims 4 and 9 were rewritten into independent form, with the remaining claims dependent, either directly or serially, from claim 4 or 9.


CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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